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**TO:** CSD Regional Administrators  
CSO Administrators  
HCS Administrators  
Financial Assistance Coordinators  
Quality Control Supervisors  
MAA Stakeholders

**FROM:** Steven Wish, Director  
Division of Customer Support

**SUBJECT: UPDATED MEDICAL STANDARDS CHART**

Attached is a new chart showing medical standards changes effective August 1, 2003.

- As provided in Substitute House Bill 2257, the spousal resource limit is reduced to \$40,000 for persons institutionalized on or after August 1, 2003. The maximum resource allowance amount for the community spouse will be adjusted according to the consumer price index each fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2005.
- Coverage under the Medically Indigent (MI) emergency medical ended 6/30/03. A new Psychiatric Indigent Inpatient (PII) program administered by Mental Health Division began July 1, 2003. PII has the same income and resource standards as the former MI program.
- If you have questions, please call Patricia Armstrong at (360) 725-1725 or e-mail her at [armstpa@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:armstpa@dshs.wa.gov).

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